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REMARKS

Appended talking points for DCI use in breakfast with Secretary Weinberger 8 July. Secretary Weinberger will ask DCI support for following US initiatives to curb Middle East terrorism involving Syria:

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-- Public US denunciation of central Syrian role in Middle East terrorism.

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Syrian Role in Middle East Terrorism

I. Syria is playing a central role in Middle East terrorism.

- The Assad regime has a long history of using terrorism to retain power and strengthen influence in the Middle East.
- We can count over 30 assassinations, bombings and attempted attacks in the Middle East and Europe since early 1980.
- The present Syrian campaign is aimed at undermining and intimidating Arab, Palestinian, and Western opponents of Syrian policy toward Israel; particularly those who support the Lebanese troop withdrawal agreement.

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II. [] evidence of Syrian involvement in attacks and planned operations against US nationals and facilities.

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- Still inconclusive and preliminary evidence points to involvement by Syrian intelligence in the bombing of the US Embassy in Beirut in April.

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[redacted]

-- [redacted] reports that Arafat believes the Syrians were involved in two small-scale bombings of private American concerns in Amman in early May.

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-- [redacted] report Syrian involvement in terrorist plans to attack US diplomatic facilities in Beirut and Baghdad and unspecified American targets in Amman, Istanbul and Saudi Arabia.

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-- We believe Syrian plans to attack the US Embassy in Kuwait were shelved, perhaps because of a US diplomatic representation in Damascus.

-- We also have reason to suspect Syrian involvement in earlier assassinations of Bashir Gemayel in late 1982 and prominent PLO moderate Isaam Sartawi in April 1983. [redacted]

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III. Growing Syrian influence among anti-Arafat Palestinians is a worrisome development.

-- This opens the PLO to anti-US influences including Libya, Iran and radical Palestinian groups.

-- [redacted] reports that Syria has put together a terrorist network with headquarters in Damascus and the Bekaa Valley, and training facilities in Syria to conduct operations in the Middle East.

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-- Under Syrian auspices, such radical groups as Black June, PFLP-General Command and various Lebanese leftists are collaborating operationally. [redacted]

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